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SUBJ: HELMUT KASIMIER BOWS OUT OF THE RACE FOR MINISTER-PRESIDENT
IN LOWER SAXONY

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1. HELMUT KASIMIER HAS THROWN IN THE TOWEL AS HIS PARTY'S
CANDIDATE TO RUN AGAINST CDU MINISTER-PRESIDENT-ELECT
ERNST ALBRECHT IF A RUNOFF ELECTION BETWEEN THE CDU AND AN
SPD/FDP COALITION CANDIDATE BECOMES NECESSARY ON OR AFTER
FEBRUARY 4.

2. PETER VON OERTZEN, SPD LAND CHAIRMAN IN LOWER SAXONY,
INFORMED THE HANNOVER PRESS TODAY THAT KARL RAVENS, FEDERAK
MINISTER OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND URBAN
PLANNING IN THE BONN COALITION GOVERNMENT (BUNDESMINISTER
FUER RAUMORDNUNG, BAUWESEN UND STAEDTEBAU) AND CHAIRMAN OF
THE NORTHERN CHAPTER OF THE SPD IN LOWER SAXONY, WOULD
SUCCEED KASIMIER AS THE SPD/FDP COALITION CANDIDATE TO

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OPPOSE ALBRECHT IF THE LATTER FAILS, AS WE BELIVE QUITE
PROBABLE, TO WIN A PLURALITY SUPPORT FOR HIS CABINET

BY THE LANDTAG ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 3.

3. IN THE WEEK REMAINING BEFORE ALBRECHT'S MANDATE AS
MINISTER-PRESIDENT-ELECT EXPIRES, I SHALL BE IN HANNOVER
DISCUSSING THE SUTUATION WITH PARTY LEADERS THERE
AND WILL BE REPORTING ON ANY LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH MIGHT CHANGE OUR PROGNOSIS OF THIS TIME THAT
ALBRECHT WILL NOT WIN PLURALITY SUPPORT FOR A CABINET. BROGAN

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